

Press Note

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A) Drugs Control Administration, Telangana conducted raids on clinics operated by **quacks** and seized illegally stocked drugs intended for sale at three separate locations, including:

- a) Yedira Village, Mahabubnagar Mandal, Mahabubnagar District
- b) Chintal, Quthbullapur Village, Medchal-Malkajgiri District
- c) Mangalapalli Village, Nakrekal Mandal, Nalgonda District

B) In a separate event, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized **Kaltfer Drops [Iron (III) – Hydroxide Polymaltose Complex Drops]** in **Secunderabad**, which were falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'. Stocks worth **Rs. 3.2 lakhs** were seized during the raid.

C) In separate events, Drugs Control Administration, Telangana seized certain medicines due to **misleading advertisements**:

- a) **Isotine Plus Eye Drops**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'various eye problems'.
- b) **Eyecare Eye Ointment**, an Allopathic medicine, claimed for prophylaxis and treatment of **infections of the eyes**.
- c) **Uttareni Churnam**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat 'Leukoderma & Pneumonia'.
- d) **DESTONE Tablet**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Kidney Stones**'.
- e) **Madhuriktha Powder**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Diabetes**'.
- f) **Stonot Forte**, an Ayurvedic medicine, claimed to treat '**Kidney Stones**'.

A) Raids conducted at quacks' clinics:

The details are as follows:

Based on credible information, on 20th December, officials from the Drugs Control Administration raided the premises of quacks who were claiming themselves as 'Rural Medical Practitioners' and practicing medicine without proper qualifications at their clinics.

During the raids at the following premises, substantial quantities of medicines **stocked for sale without a drug license** were found.

Sl. No.	Name of the Quack	Address of the premises	Varieties of medicines found stocked
1	Syed Hamiduddin	D.No. 12-2-80, Yedira Village, Mahabubnagar Mandal and District	33 varieties and 1 institutional supply drug
2	Ambar Singh	D. No. 6-412/A, Manikya Nagar, Chintal, Quthbullapur Village, Medchal Malkajgiri District	33 varieties
3	Rachamalla Saidulu	Sai Ram Clinic, Mangalapalli Village, Nakrekal Mandal, Nalgonda District	25 varieties

Medicines, including antibiotics, steroids, anti-ulcer drugs, analgesics, etc., were found stocked at the premises.

DCA officials detected several '**antibiotics**' viz., Cefixime, Amoxicillin etc. at the clinics during the raids. Indiscriminate sale of antibiotics, by unqualified

persons may have disastrous consequences on the health of rural public, including emergence of **'Antimicrobial Resistance'**.

Officials found **'steroids'** viz. Dexamethasone etc. at the clinics of quacks. Misusing steroids can have serious health consequences, including immune system suppression, hormonal imbalances, muscle and bone weakness, cardiovascular problems, and psychological effects. The indiscriminate use of steroids poses significant risks to public health.

DCA officials seized the stocks, worth a total of **Rs. 95,000/-**, during the special raids.

Smt. Sk. Rabiya, Drugs Inspector, Mahabubnagar, Sri. E. Thirupathi, Drugs Inspector, Quthbullapur, Sri. G. Surender, Drugs Inspector, Nalgonda carried out the raids.

DCA officers lifted the samples for analysis. Further investigation will be carried out, and action will be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Wholesalers/Dealers who supply medicines to such unqualified persons/unlicensed entities, who are stocking and selling drugs without a drug license, are also punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, and stringent action shall be taken against such Wholesalers/Dealers. Wholesalers/Dealers shall mandatorily ensure that the recipient entities hold a valid drug license before supplying medicines to them.

The Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, issues drug licenses for the stocking and selling of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. **Stocking drugs for sale without a drug license is**

punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.

B) Seizure of drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'

The details are as follows:

During the raids carried out on 20th December, DCA officials detected drugs falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'.

Drugs Control Administration officials in Picket, Secunderabad have detected the product **Kaltfer Drops [Iron (III) – Hydroxide Polymaltose Complex Drops]** circulating in the market. The product was found to be manufactured by Exotic Helathcare, SAS Nagar, Punjab and Marketed by: Curezen Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Bangaore, Karnataka.

The said product was falsely manufactured under a 'food license (FSSAI license)' and falsely claimed to be a food product/nutraceutical. According to the label composition of the product, it is classified as a drug under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

The product must be manufactured only under a 'drug licence' issued under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, adhering strictly to the 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMP) outlined in Schedule-M of the Drugs Rules. Additionally, it must meet the quality standards prescribed in the 'Indian Pharmacopoeia' (IP) as mandated.

Stocks worth **Rs. 3.2 lakhs** were seized during the raid.

Smt. D. Saritha, Assistant Director, Secunderabad, Sri. B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector, Secunderabad, Sri. G. Anil, Drugs Inspector, Malakpet, Smt. P. Renuka, Drugs Inspector, Musheerabad, Sri. M. Surendranath, Drugs Inspector, Begumpet carried out the raid.

Photograph of the product falsely manufactured and sold under the guise of 'food products/nutraceuticals'



The drugs that are falsely manufactured and sold under a food license are not produced in accordance with 'Good Manufacturing Practices' (GMPs) and often fail to meet the quality standards prescribed in the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP). Such products pose serious risks to patients' health and may have severe implications.

Manufacturing and selling 'drugs' without a valid 'drug license' is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with imprisonment for up to five years.

C) Seizure of drugs for misleading advertisements:

The details are as follows:

Drugs Control Administration, Telangana officials, detected certain medicines circulating in the market with misleading claims on their labels, stating that they treat **Ophthalmic diseases/disorders, Leukoderma, Pneumonia, Diabetes, Kidney Stones**. Such claims are in contravention of the **Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954**.

Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954 prohibits advertisement of certain drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders. No person shall take part in publication of advertisement regarding the diseases/disorders indicated under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

During the special drive conducted on 20th December to detect medicines moving in the market with misleading and objectionable advertisements, the following products were detected by DCA officials:

Product	Misleading Claim	Manufactured by	Detected at
Isotine Plus Eye Drops (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Various Eye problems	Jagat Pharma, 23-B, Ektanagar, Stadium road, Bareilly-243 122 UP	Sangareddy
Eyecare Eye Ointment (Allopathic Medicine)	For prophylaxis and treatment of infections of the eyes	Chandra Drugs Pvt. Ltd, C&D Industrial area, Rangwasa, Madhya Pradesh.	Jeedimetla, Medchal-Malkajgiri District
Uttareni Powder	Leukoderma &	Akkhira Drugs &	Ashoknagar,

(Uttareni Churnam) (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Pneumonia	Cosmetics, Plot No.26, Industrial Development Area, Balanagar Medchal- Malkajgiri District.	Ramachandrapuram, Sangareddy District
DESTONE Tablet (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	New Shama Laboratories Pvt. Ltd., Delhi.	Nirmal
Madhuriktha Powder (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Diabetes	Samraksha Ayurvedic Pharmacy, 162, Prashanthi Nagar, Kukatpally.	Jinnaram, Sangareddy District
Stonot Forte (Ayurvedic Medicine)	Kidney Stones	Levanza Food & Herbals, Gholu Majra, Dappar, Punjab.	Gajularamaram, Medchal-Malkajgiri District

Advertising a medicine for the treatment of **Ophthalmic diseases/disorders, Leukoderma, Pneumonia, Diabetes, Kidney Stones.** is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

Sri. N. Ravikiran Reddy, Drugs Inspector, Sangareddy, Smt. A. Saritha, Drugs Inspector, Jeedimetla, Sri. M. Chandrasekhar, Drugs Inspector, Patancheru, Sri. M. Shyam Sundar, Drugs Inspector, Nirmal, Sri. G. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Jinnaram and Sri. I. Srikanth, Drugs Inspector, Gajularamaram are among the officers who carried out the raids.

Further investigation shall be carried out and action shall be taken as per the law against all the offenders.

Persons who make misleading advertisements regarding drugs for treatment of certain diseases and disorders are punishable under Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954, with imprisonment which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

Photographs of the products seized for making misleading advertisements



The public may report any suspected manufacturing activity related to drugs, including narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in residential, commercial, or industrial areas, as well as any other complaints regarding

illegal activities concerning medicines, through the **Drugs Control Administration, Telangana Toll-Free Number 1800-599-6969**, which is operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

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